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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Mr. Charles L. A. Terreni  
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Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
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RE: Petition of Global Connection of South Carolina, Incorporated for  
Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier  
Docket No. 2007-172-C

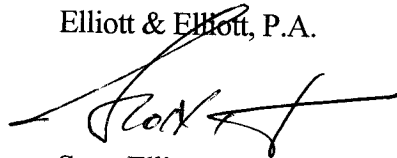
Dear Mr. Terreni:

Enclosed please find for filing an original and ten (10) copies of Embarq's Petition to Intervene and Hold Matter in Abeyance in the above-captioned matter. By copy of this letter, I am serving all parties of record.

I have enclosed an extra copy of this petition which I would ask you to date stamp and return to me via my courier. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Elliott & Elliott, P.A.

  
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Enclosure

cc: All Parties of Record  
H. Edward Phillips, Esq.

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BEFORE THE  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
Docket No. 2007-172-C

In Re: )  
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Petition of Global Connection of South Carolina, ) **PETITION TO INTERVENE**  
Incorporated for the Designation as an Eligible ) **AND HOLD**  
Telecommunications Carrier ) **MATTER IN ABEYANCE**

Pursuant to Rule R.103-836 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, United Telephone Company of the Carolinas d/b/a Embarq ("Embarq") respectfully requests the Commission to allow it to intervene in this proceeding. In support thereof, Embarq states as follows:

1. Petitioner's name and address are:

United Telephone Company of the Carolinas d/b/a Embarq  
14111 Capital Boulevard  
Wake Forest, North Carolina 27587-5900

2. Embarq is certified by the Commission as an incumbent local exchange carrier ("ILEC") in South Carolina.

3. As a certificated ILEC in the State, Embarq is an interested party and has a direct and material interest in the issues to be addressed and resolved by the Commission in this Docket. Specifically, Global Connection of South Carolina, Incorporated ("Global") is applying for designation as a competitive eligible telecommunications carrier ("CETC") in the service areas of BellSouth, Sprint and Verizon. Embarq is informed and believes that Global's petition

seeks CETC designation in what is now Embarq's local service area rather than that of Sprint. As a consequence of Global's request for certification as a CETC in some of Embarq's territory, Embarq will be impacted by the decision of the Commission in this matter.

4. In accordance with Rule R. 103-804(s) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, Embarq is represented by counsel in this proceeding:

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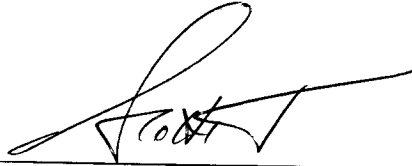
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5. Embarq also notes that Global has failed to file South Carolina specific information with respect to the exchanges for which it seeks ETC designation with its petition, but instead Global has filed information pertaining to the State of Georgia. As a result, Embarq respectfully requests that the Commission hold this matter in abeyance until Global amends its filing with the appropriate information.

WHEREFORE, Embarq respectfully requests that the Commission issue an Order allowing Embarq to intervene in this Docket and participate fully in all proceedings herein. Moreover, Embarq also respectfully requests that the Commission suspend the procedural

schedule in this matter and hold the proceeding in abeyance until Global amends its filing with South Carolina specific information.

Respectfully submitted, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2007.



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned employee of Elliott & Elliott, P.A. does hereby certify that she has served below listed parties with a copy of the pleading indicated below by mailing a copy of same to them in the United States mail, with sufficient postage affixed thereto and return address clearly marked on the date indicated below:

RE: Petition of Global Connection of South Carolina, Incorporated for the Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier

DOCKET NO.: 2007-172-C

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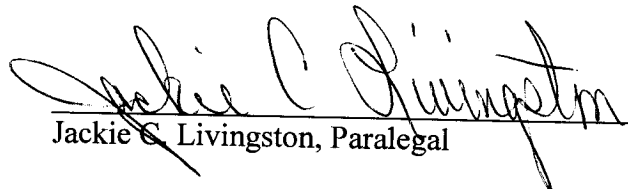
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